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Serial No. : 10/772,743  
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For : DROPLET EJECTION APPARATUS  
AND ITS DRIVE METHOD  
Art Unit : 2853  
Examiner : Rene Garcia Jr.

**A M E N D M E N T**

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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2006,  
the term for response to which expires on September 5, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 5-11, 13  
and 17-23 are amended, and claims 2-4, 12, 14-16 and 24 are  
maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.